The Philosophy of Enter

Introduction to a reader of the foundational Enter texts: background, commitments, strands, and a guide to ten texts

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Abstract

This introduction opens a collection of ten texts that state, define or develop the Enter calculus and its philosophy. The calculus is a strictly linear quantum lambda calculus. Its measurement primitive, Enter, is destructive computational-basis readout: it consumes the measured quantum names and returns a classical record. The philosophy, set out in the essay The Philosophy of Enter, keeps four separations. Destructive readout is not quantum recovery. A classical record is not a quantum-return decoder. A channel is not a thermal machine. An analog is not an identification. We describe where Enter comes from and what it commits to. We then show how its strands relate: the observation boundary, spacetime Enter, the Shredder interface, dynamic spacetime Enter, and the later finite-interface sheets. A reading guide in book order follows, and the last section lists what stays open. Throughout, we quote or closely paraphrase the texts and cite them by identifier.

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Standing lines. Citations identify source records only; no proof transfer. No quantum coefficient is admitted. This introduction is an editorial map and proves no theorem. It registers, revises and verifies no manuscript. Every result mentioned here belongs to the cited sheet, holds under that sheet's hypotheses, and keeps that sheet's status. O.1 stays NOT_CLOSED, XV-B is not opened, XVI-N is not discharged, and nothing here is spacetime emergence.

Purpose and scope

The ten texts are the essay EntPhil and the manuscripts I, VII-E, I-B, I-C, I-D, En07-C, En04-A, En09-A and En10-A. Each is reproduced unchanged as a standalone source, and none is merged with another. The companion's discipline applies to this volume too. In the essay's words: ``The registered sheets are documentary source records. Citing one does not make it a premise of another, and placing two records in the same paragraph does not construct a comparison map between their objects'' [EntPhil]. The essay itself is labelled on the companion as an introductory map, ``not a registered theorem and not a premise.''

Where Enter comes from

Enter begins as a question about a quantum programming language. Manuscript I states it as follows. ``Fix a quantum programming language: its types, allocation, tensor composition, coherent gates, and classical control. Leave only the outcome law and conditional update of a destructive measurement primitive unspecified. Which strategies interpret that primitive while satisfying specified equations between experiments?'' The primitive is ``

Enter, destructive computational-basis readout of a finite qubit register." Within this setting, ``runtime qubit names are access rights to its tensor factors; they are not individual pure-state assignments. Readout consumes the measured names, returns classical bits, and leaves a state on the surviving factors" (I, Section 1).

The published account is Cheung's article in *Frontiers in Physics* [CheungFrontiers]. It describes ``a strictly linear quantum lambda calculus in which runtime qubit names are access rights to tensor factors of one global state." It separates two layers. Layer I equips the language with the Born rule and projective update. Layer II replaces the measurement rule by an unknown strategy and shows that, within an explicitly specified class, five requirements single out the Born strategy. Openly posted precursors are the figshare preprints [CheungFigsharePreprint,CheungFigshareBorn] and the figshare monograph *Enter Calculus* [CheungFigshareBook]. I calls itself ``a self-contained, scope-restricted presentation of the finite Enter-calculus characterization of Cheung." It places the language beside earlier quantum lambda calculi with classical control. It names the affine calculus of Selinger and Valiron [SelingerValiron] as a representative example, and differs from it by using ``strict, branch-wise linear ownership" (I, Section 1.3).

The philosophy concerns how that primitive is read once it appears in settings with physical vocabulary, such as clocks, cones, horizons, radiation and heat. The essay *The Philosophy of Enter* (EntPhil, version 2) ``begins with a restriction on what a mathematical interface allows us to say." It reports that the companion and its manuscript records, including Manuscript I, version 2, ``present this discipline as a way of reading separate manuscripts without allowing shared vocabulary to carry conclusions between different models" [EntPhil].

Core commitments

Names are access rights; consumption is an access statement

Enter consumes the measured name. The essay states the two parts together: ``the measured quantum name is consumed, and the observable output is a classical record." It adds that ``this description concerns access and output type. It does not, by itself, describe the fate of every physical degree of freedom involved in an implementation" [EntPhil]. En09-A gives the same point its own subsection, ``Consumption is an access statement." There it says that consumption ``does not assert annihilation of the laboratory device, of its environment, or of every physical degree of freedom that implemented the channel."

The characterization is scoped

The measurement characterization in I holds inside a declared class. Its scope box says that the result ``is not a reconstruction of qubit kinematics, an independence theorem for the five requirements, or a proof of record-free uniqueness. It is not a physical Frauchiger–Renner no-go theorem." The essay repeats that I's result ``is not a record-free derivation" [EntPhil]. Later sheets assume the Born channel and decline to rederive the characterization from abbreviated axiom names. En09-A, for example, states: ``We do not rederive that characterization from abbreviated axiom names."

Four separations

The essay's organizing claim [EntPhil] is: ``Four separations organize the argument. Destructive readout is not quantum recovery. A classical record is not a quantum-return decoder. A channel is not a thermal machine. An analog is not an identification." Each separation becomes a question asked of a claim: ``what is the input, what is accessible, what is returned, and what additional construction would be needed for the proposed interpretation?" The essay's conclusion assigns them different jobs. ``The first two concern the information task and returned output. The third concerns the physical implementation and its energy or erasure account. The fourth concerns the bridge from a declared model to the object proposed as its interpretation."

Refusal of identification is not refusal of the result

The essay's subtitle is *the Refusal of Identification*, and it is careful about what that refusal costs. ``A refusal of identification is therefore not a refusal of the local result. It states what the result has established and leaves the further question visible." Its conclusion lists positive local results that the discipline preserves: ``A decoder can be certified, an observation algebra can close branchwise, a bounded effect can be reconstructed, a finite transport target can be realized, and a free local Ward action can be constructed." What must be withheld is ``a quantum

identity from a classical record, a heat cost from partial trace, a Page curve from a static entropy value, a light cone from a schedule, or spacetime from a code diagram" [EntPhil].

External accounts stay external

The essay names Born, Lüders, Landauer, no-hiding, Page and Hawking as ``external accounts rather than premises of an Enter theorem" [EntPhil]. Instrument theory [DaviesLewis], Landauer's erasure account [Landauer], Page–Wootters clock conditioning [PageWootters] and Hawking's emission calculation [Hawking] are cited in this volume in that spirit. They are comparisons, not imported theorems.

How the strands relate

The texts form a set of strands that share one interface and keep their hosts and conclusions separate.

The calculus and the observation boundary. I fixes the primitive and characterizes its semantics in a declared class. VII-E specifies what a comparison may observe: ``an observation boundary for a finite linearly typed quantum interface with destructive computational-basis readout and primitive classical geometric labels." The essay notes that this boundary ``is not a physical light cone" [EntPhil].

Spacetime Enter. I-B installs the interface on a prescribed geometry, the regular part of an explicit conical Lorentzian background. Its own verdict is: ``The construction is a spacetime model with an Enter interface, not emergence of spacetime from records."

The Shredder interface. I-C turns the first two separations into a quantitative access statement. If the complete accessible output of an unknown d-dimensional code is classical, every deterministic decoder has reference-preserving half-diamond error at least $1 - 1/d$ (I-C, abstract and Theorem A). In its vernacular form this is ``quantum name in, classical record plus heat out." I-C corrects the slogan by moving heat to a separately specified implementation ledger.

Dynamic spacetime Enter. I-D (version 5) is titled *Dynamical Spacetime Enter over Two Prescribed Hosts*. It cites I-C with the sentence ``The Shredder interface asks what the decoder can actually access" and adds that ``Neither readout nor a decoder supplies an Einstein source map." Its abstract records that ``Host A and Host B remain separate prescribed backgrounds," that ``Host C stays rejected," and that ``All seven programme entries remain open, with $O.\ 1$ =NOT_CLOSED."

Finite-interface applications. Four sheets apply the discipline to particular questions. En07-C treats Hawking radiation as a finite-interface comparison ``under the Philosophy of Enter." En04-A tests a proposed link between magic and geometric response ``under the Enter Philosophy." En09-A realizes Page–Wootters conditioning with destructive Enter on a clock register. En10-A builds a finite instrument and an inference map on a qubit–antiqubit toy interface. Each one ends with an explicit list of what it does not construct.

Reading guide

The numbers match the archive. Versions are the latest registered or delivered versions on 24 October 2026. The README lists the source URLs and checksums.

01 EntPhil (version 2): The Philosophy of Enter. The anchor essay. It develops the two interfaces (destructive readout and the decoder) and separates three ledgers: complete energy, erasure cost and residual leakage. It examines analogs such as no-hiding, holographic reconstruction, the Page curve and light cones, sets out the free-field and catalogue constraints, and closes with the standing stops. It describes itself as ``a map, not a new theorem." Read it first.

02 I: Born–Lüders as the unique measurement strategy of a strictly linear quantum λ-calculus. The mathematical core, cited elsewhere as Manuscript I, version 2. In Layer I it proves type safety, a linear step bound, observational confluence, circuit adequacy, semantic no-cloning and internal no-signaling for the concrete calculus. In Layer II it shows that five requirements (composability, no-signaling, nullity, continuity and a typed record equation) single out the Born strategy within the stated class. A static appendix constructs positive non-Born marginal assignments and shows that they fail operational nullity. Its successor problems P1–P3 remain open.

03 VII-E: Observation boundaries for destructive quantum readout and external geometry. Says precisely

what a comparison is allowed to inspect. It shows that record compatibility is equivalent to $T^{*}(E_w) = \Pi_w$, and that ``exact record compatibility extends to untouched entangled references, but does not determine residual instruments." A complete four-face adjacency exchange illustrates the interface, and the abstract states that ``the general interface results are independent of this example."

04 I-B (version 1): A Finite Enter Spacetime. The founding sheet of spacetime Enter. It covers finite names, locations, accessible algebras, a complete control and resource interface, and a calibration from a finite clock basis to geometric time labels on a prescribed conical product. Its corrections include that the conical defect is ``a worldsheet, not a worldline" and that ``an arbitrary clock-basis change is not a spacetime coordinate transformation."

05 I-C (version 2): The Shredder Interface. The quantitative form of separations (1)–(3). It proves the sharp classical-record floor $1 - 1/d$ and its complete-exterior version. It also gives append-only entropy monotonicity and a conditional thermal identity. Eight open problems are ``reframed, not solved." The Shredder volume develops this strand in detail. It is included here because it is the canonical statement of the readout/recovery separation.

06 I-D (version 5): Dynamical Spacetime Enter over Two Prescribed Hosts. The Enter interface over two separately prescribed dynamical hosts. Version 5 adds an enclosed, computer-assisted resonance census on Host B and exclusion results for the Host-A pulse. The dynamic-spacetime volume develops this strand. It is included here as the canonical statement of how the interface meets a dynamical host without deriving one.

07 En07-C (version 1): Hawking Radiation under Destructive Enter. A finite-interface comparison that keeps Hawking's 1975 calculation [Hawking] external. Exact reference-preserving recovery from the accessible output is equivalent to constancy of the complete complement. Readout followed by forgetting equals partial trace, while the coherent dilation stays isometric. Its own boundary reads: ``Neither those gravitational obligations nor an outgoing gravitational receiver is constructed here."

08 En04-A: Under the Enter Philosophy — Readout, Recovery, and Residual Response. Tests a proposed implication from non-Clifford resources (magic) to residual response and shows that ``the proposed unconditional implication from non-Clifford resources to residual response is false." It gives explicit counterexamples and exact formulas for one controlled-rotation family. Its abstract ends: ``No metric, field-to-memory receiver, admitted analytic quantum coefficient, or gravitational backreaction theorem is constructed."

09 En09-A: Realization of Relational Time by Destructive Enter on a Clock Register. A finite realization of Page–Wootters conditioning [PageWootters]. Its section ``The philosophy of Enter as an interface discipline" states that ``the philosophical contribution is not an extra dynamical axiom." The abstract summarizes: ``a destructive record is not a surviving clock, a decoder, a thermodynamic ledger, or a spacetime geometry."

10 En10-A: A Finite Enter Instrument on a Qubit–Antiqubit Interface. Applies the discipline to inference. Its section ``Enter as an interface discipline" lists five consequences, starting with ``A quantum name is an operational entitlement, not an ontology of the apparatus." Its abstract adds that ``an inference map is not the record" and that ``an inaccessible complement is not destroyed information."

What stays open

Collecting these texts changes no status. The sources record the following.

• The record-free questions of I (P1, necessity of the record equation, and P2, a weaker route to record-free uniqueness) and its context-refinement problem P3 are stated as successor problems, not solved.

• The essay's standing stops are unchanged: ``XV-B is not opened, XVI-N and Route B are not discharged, O.1 stays NOT_CLOSED, … no quantum coefficient of the inherited response is admitted, no compilation is asserted, and this is not spacetime emergence" [EntPhil].

• In I-D all seven programme entries remain open, with O.1 NOT_CLOSED. Host A and Host B stay separate, and Host C stays rejected.

• I-C does not resolve the physical information paradox. En07-C constructs no outgoing gravitational receiver. En09-A is ``not clock-free quantum gravity." Citations identify source records only; no proof transfer.

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